

FREE ATTRACTIONS IN CHICAGO

Chicago Cultural Center

78 E Washington St, Chicago, IL

This architectural delight is a magnificent showcase of literature, art and knowledge.

Chicago Botanic Garden

1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe, IL

A crown jewel of greenery, this North Shore preserve is one of the country's most visited public gardens.

Chicago Museum Campus

S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL

Three world-class attractions within walking distance of each other give new meaning to a day at the park.

Garfield Park Conservatory

300 N Central Park Ave, Chicago, IL

A year-round refuge for those in need of a dose of greenery or a blast of desert air.

David & Alfred Smart Museum

5550 S Greenwood Ave, Chicago, IL

The kind of museum you can work through in an hour or two--a telescoped collection of choice rarities and surprises.

Indiana Dunes

Chesterton, IN

The best stretch of beach in the Midwest has spectacular vistas and miles of soft sand.

Chicago Lakefront Path

Chicago, IL

One of Chicago's crown jewels, offering stunning views of Lake Michigan and the city skyline.

John G Shedd Aquarium

1200 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL

You don't have to go 20,000 leagues under the sea to experience the world of Jacques Cousteau.

Buckingham Fountain

Grant Park, Chicago, IL

This Grant Park attraction is the perfect spot for a romantic stroll.

Museum of Science and Industry

5700 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL

This hands-on behemoth is the antithesis of those boring "look, but don't touch" museums.

Grant Park

Lake Shore Drive (between Randolph and Roosevelt), Chicago, IL

First stop for Chicago's summer festivals, concerts, and other big events.

Lincoln Park Zoo

2001 N Clark St, Chicago, IL

The nation's oldest free zoo is kid-friendly, with more than 1,000 cuddly--albeit caged--exotic creatures.

Chicago Architecture Center

224 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL

Chicago shows off its architectural history and significance.

Harold Washington Library Center

400 South State Street, Chicago, IL

The largest public library in the world, named after Chicago's first African-American mayor.

North Michigan Avenue

Chicago, IL

Known as the Magnificent Mile, this upscale shopping district is Chicago's version of Fifth Avenue.

Richard J. Daley Center and Picasso Sculpture

55 W Randolph St, Chicago, IL

The heart of Chicago's Loop honors the first Mayor Daley.

Millennium Park

55 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL

The multimillion-dollar wave of Chicago's park district future.

Jane Addams Hull-House Museum

800 S Halsted St, Chicago, IL

A monument to the legendary Chicago woman who tried to create a better society.

Lincoln Park Conservatory

2400 N Stockton Dr, Chicago, IL

It's spring--and blissfully quiet--365 days a year in this old-world, glass-enclosed biosphere.

Navy Pier

600 E Grand, Chicago, IL

This tourist-packed peninsula extends for more than a half-mile into the swells of Lake Michigan.